

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

26. (NEW) A device for guiding two sub assemblies of a motor vehicle which are displaceable relative to one another, more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction with

- two guide elements which are spaced from one another in a transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction and
- two guide devices in which each one of the guide elements is mounted movable along the guide direction

wherein one of the guide elements and the guide devices are coupled to one another and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant guide devices along the transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction,

wherein

a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with such small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented along the transverse direction, and that the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin along the transverse direction in the associated guide device.

27. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein the displacement margin with which the second guide element is mounted is so great that under the action of forces along the transverse direction the first guide element is movable into engagement with a stop of the associated guide device without the second guide element moving into engagement with a stop of the associated guide device.

28. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein the bearing play along the transverse direction with which the first guide element is mounted in the associated guide device is smaller than the bearing play with which the second guide element is mounted in the associated guide device.
29. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein the elasticity along the transverse direction with which the first guide element is mounted in the associated guide device is less than the elasticity with which the second guide element is mounted in the associated guide device.
30. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein the guide devices form a longitudinal guide on which the guide elements are guided as sliding guide elements.
31. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein the guide devices form a rotary bearing in which the guide elements are guided as swivel elements.
32. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein at least one of the guide elements interacts with the associated guide device along the transverse direction through elastic means.
33. (NEW) The device according to claim 32, wherein the two guide elements each interact with their associated guide device along the transverse direction through elastic means.
34. (NEW) The device according to claim 32, wherein the respective guide element is movable along the transverse direction into engagement with the associated guide device through the elastic means.
35. (NEW) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which act between the first guide element of the associated guide device have a greater stiffness than the elastic means which act between the second guide element and the associated guide device.

36. (NEW) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which act between the first guide element and the associated guide device have a smaller maximum still available spring path in the transverse direction than the elastic means which act between the second guide element and the associated guide device.
37. (NEW) The device according to claim 33, wherein the elastic means which act between the first spring element and the associated guide device in the transverse direction have in comparison with the spring elastic means which act between the second guide element and the associated guide device in the transverse direction such a greater stiffness and/or such a smaller maximum still available spring path that the first-mentioned elastic means under a predetermined load in the transverse direction prevent a complete run through of the spring path of the second-mentioned elastic means.
38. (NEW) The device according to claim 37, wherein the predetermined load represents the loads which occur during accident-free operation of the motor vehicle.
39. (NEW) The device according to claim 32, wherein the spring elastic means are formed in one piece on the respective guide element and preferably consist of a plastics, more particularly an elastomer.
40. (NEW) The device according to claim 32, wherein the elastic means are mounted as separate elements on the respective guide element and are supported on this.
41. (NEW) The device according to claim 32, wherein the elastic means are formed by one of spring tongues and spring eyelets.
42. (NEW) The device according to claim 32, wherein on the first guide element stops are provided more particularly in the form of slide feet which in the transverse direction and in relation to the associated stop face of the guide device are set back from the outer contour of the elastic means there of the first guide element.

43. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein the guide elements are designed in several parts, more particularly two parts.

44. (NEW) The device according to claim 43, wherein the two parts of the respective guide element are guidable through a guide opening of the respective associated guide device and is connectable to one another through same.

45. (NEW) The device according to claim 44, wherein the connection of the two parts of the respective guide element is through one of clip elements and through a threaded bolt.

46. (NEW) The device according to claim 43, wherein the two parts of the first guide element are tensioned towards each other so that no substantial spring path becomes available for further deformation of the elastic means acting in the transverse direction on the corresponding guide element.

47. (NEW) The device according to claim 26 or claim 41, wherein at least one part of the elastic means which act in the transverse direction on the first guide element are formed by the use of an elastic material for the first guide element.

48. (NEW) The device according to claim 26, wherein between the first guide element and/or the second guide element on the one hand and each relative guide device on the other elastic means act in a direction both perpendicular to the guide direction and to the transverse direction.

49. (NEW) A seat frame with a device for guiding two seat sub assemblies of a motor vehicle which are displaceable relative to each other, more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction with

- two guide elements which are spaced from one another in a transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction and
- two guide devices in which each one of the guide elements is mounted movable along the guide direction

wherein one of the guide elements and/or the guide devices are coupled to one another and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant guide devices along the transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction,

a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with such small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented along the transverse direction, and that the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin along the transverse direction in the associated guide device.

50. (NEW) A motor vehicle seat with a seat frame with a device for guiding two seat sub assemblies of a motor vehicle which are displaceable relative to each other, more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction with

- two guide elements which are spaced from one another in a transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction and
- two guide devices in which each one of the guide elements is mounted movable along the guide direction

wherein one of the guide elements and/or the guide devices are coupled to one another and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant guide devices along the transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction,

a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with such small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented along the transverse direction, and that the second guide element is mounted with greater displacement margin along the transverse direction in the associated guide device.

51. (NEW) The device according to claim 33 wherein the elastic means which act between the first guide element of the associated guide device have a greater stiffness than the elastic means which act between the second guide element and the associated guide device and wherein the respective guide element is movable along the transverse direction into engagement with the associated guide device through the elastic means.

52. (NEW) The device according to claim 27 or claim 42 wherein at least one part of the elastic means which act in the transverse direction on the first guide element are formed by the use of an elastic material for the first guide element.

53. (NEW) The device according to claim 27 wherein between the first guide element and/or the second guide element on the one hand and each relative guide device on the other hand elastic means act in a direction both perpendicular to the guide direction and to the transverse direction.

54. (NEW) A motor vehicle seat with a seat frame with a device for guiding two seat sub assemblies of a motor vehicle which are displaceable relative to each other more particularly of a motor vehicle seat, along a guide direction with:

- two guide elements which are spaced from one another in a transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction and
- two guide devices in which each one of the guide elements is mounted movable along the guide direction

wherein one of the guide elements and the guide devices are coupled to one another and stops are associated with the guide elements on the guide devices to restrict movement of the guide elements relative to the relevant guide devices along the transverse direction perpendicular to the guide direction,

a first of the two guide elements is mounted in the associated guide device with such small displacement margin perpendicular to the guide direction that a relative movement of the guide element and the associated guide device is possible in the guide direction and a substantial relative movement is prevented along the transverse direction and that the second guide element

Docket No.: 57569/M521
Amdt date May 25, 2006

is mounted with greater displacement margin along the transverse direction in the associated guide device, and

wherein the displacement margin with which the second guide element is mounted is so great that under the action of forces along the transverse direction the first guide element is movable into engagement with a stop of the associated guide device without the second guide element moving into engagement with a stop of the associated guide device.